



To: State Agencies

From: Leonard G. Cooke, Director

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Re: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services announces an application kit for the availability of grant funding under the federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds are provided to support greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. These grant funds will be made available on a competitive basis to Virginia State Agencies to support new projects in the focus areas listed below.

Reentry/After Care -This funding opportunity is intended to develop programs/services that will prepare committed delinquent juveniles for release into their communities as productive citizens and decrease the probability of recidivism.

De-criminalizing Juveniles with Mental Health/Substance Abuse Needs - Applicants must demonstrate that the funds for this initiative will be utilized to support programs/ services that respond to the mental health or substance abuse needs of juvenile offenders.

Alternatives to Detention - Applicants must demonstrate that this initiative will provide community-based alternatives to detention services.

Applicants must submit an application responding to criteria set forth in the grant guidelines, available on our web site at www.dcjs.virginia.gov. Applications can be **mailed to 202 N. 9th Street, 10th floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219 by July 31, 2007. All hand delivered applications should be submitted to 202 N. 9th Street, 5th floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219 by 4:30pm July 31, 2007.** Responses submitted by fax or electronically will not be accepted. Applications not meeting these deadlines will not be considered. If you have questions in preparing your concept paper, please contact Ashaki McNeil at (804) 225-4329 or ashaki.mcneil@dcjs.virginia.gov